

Andrew Jackson Donelson to Waddy Thompson, Jr., July 12, 1843, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

class=MsoNormal>TO WADDY THOMPSON. 1

1 Univ. of Texas, Waddy Thompson Papers. Thompson was at this time minister to Mexico.

Hermitage, July 12, 1843.

Sir, I beg leave to call your attention to the enclosed letters in behalf of Mr. John Bradley, who is a prisoner in the castle of Perote within the Jurisdiction of Mexico, having been captured whilst in the service of Texas, and held since as a prisoner.

You will perceive from the letters of Govr. David Campbell of Va, and the Honble. Mr. Hopkins, member of Congress that (Mr. Bradly) was one of our most respectable citizens and makes an appeal to our sympathies on account of his dependant family almost irresistible. I would write directly to president St. Anna on the subject but having done so on two occasions before, am apprehensive that my application on personal grounds might be deemed indelicate. President Santa Anna has informed me that my interposition has already effected the discharge of Mr. Crittendon, and other citizens emigrating to Texas from the United States, and that in some instances those discharged have again taken up arms against Mexico. I think it therefore prudent to abstain from any further personal appeal, lest the kind feelings heretofore manifested by President Santa Anna, as one in which I feel a deep interest, on account of his worthy and venerable father, without subjecting me to the imputation (of presuming) too far on the personal relations subsisting

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between me and the president. I leave it to your discretion to make the communication to him. . . .